

North Carolina is consistently ranked as one of the most business-friendly states in America, with a well-trained and highly-motivated workforce that makes our state an ideal place for businesses to invest and expand. Gov. Perdue, though, is not content to rest on our great business climate alone. Her budget initiatives are designed to stimulate economic growth and help companies create jobs for North Carolinians:

Put People Back to Work

A credit to encourage small businesses to hire post-9/11 veterans or unemployed North Carolinians now and retain them for at least a year.

Support small businesses

The Governor's budget includes:

- A credit for angel investments in certain small businesses.
- A small Business Startup Tax Credit.
- A Research and Development Innovation Tax Credit

Support Manufacturing and Other Key Industries

To aid job creation in industries, such as manufacturing, the budget will: